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[REDACTED] which had been renamed HERKULES, was moored alongside the former Kaiserbollwerk opposite Starkenhorst on the west bank of the Swine River. She carried the [REDACTED] lift lighter of not less than 2,500 tons also was [REDACTED]. The lighter had a very wide beam and was fitted with heavy anchor cables distributed all over the deck to belay the lift wires. The lighter had two masts with heavy-lift cranes of an estimated lifting capacity of 30 tons. The engine and boiler plant was fitted aft in the vessel, which had a tall smokestack painted red with a black top. The lighter carried the Polish flag.

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On 28 May 1955, the former German salvage vessel ALBERT FORSTER, which had been renamed HERKULES, was moored alongside the former Kaiserbolwerk opposite Starkenhorst on the west bank of the Swine River. She carried the Polish flag. A lift lighter of not less than 2,500 tons also was tied at the dock. This lighter had a very wide beam and was fitted with heavy and large bollards distributed all over the deck to below the lift wires. The lighter had two masts with heavy-lift cranes of an estimated lifting capacity of 30 tons. The engine and boiler plant was fitted aft in the vessel, which had a tall smokestack painted red with a black top. The lighter carried the Polish flag.

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